

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 9-15 are pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 3 and 15. Applicants seek to place the application in condition for allowance by placing claims 3 and 15 in independent form and canceling the remaining claims without prejudice. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032030000.

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